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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to inform you of the Public/Advisory Committee on Toxic Air Contaminants from Diesel-Fueled Engines and Vehicles meeting to be held on August 11, 2000, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sacramento Convention Center (13th and L Street). Enclosed is an agenda for this meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit comments on our recently released draft Diesel Risk Reduction Plan and Permitting Guidance for New Stationary Diesel-Fueled Engines.

As you are probably aware, on August 27, 1998, the Air Resources Board (Board) listed particulate emissions from diesel-fueled engines as a toxic air contaminant. The Board directed staff to begin the risk management process to determine if further regulatory actions are needed to further reduce the public exposure to toxic air contaminants from diesel-fueled engines. In response the Board staff began developing the Diesel Risk Reduction Plan. Additionally at the request of the districts, Air Resources Board staff began developing the Permitting Guidance to assist in permitting new stationary diesel-fueled engines.

To ensure full opportunity for public consultation and participation in this process, we formed an Advisory Committee (Committee) in October 1998. The Committee is advisory in nature and serves as a forum for on-going communication, cooperation, and coordination in identifying opportunities to reduce further emissions of toxic air contaminants from diesel-fueled engines and vehicles. The Committee and its Subcommittees have met several times to further develop the Diesel Risk Reduction Plan and Permitting Guidance, culminating in the release of the draft Plan and draft Guidance on July 13, 2000. The Plan outlines recommended measures to reduce the public's exposure to toxic air contaminants from diesel-fueled engines and vehicles. The Permitting Guidance outlines recommended control technology for new stationary diesel-fueled engines.

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The Plan and Permitting Guidance are available on our website (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/diesel/diesel.htm>). At the August 11, 2000 meeting the major points of the Plan and Permitting Guidance will be summarized, and comments will be solicited from the Advisory Committee and the general public.

We look forward to your comments. If you have any questions, please contact me (916) 322-6023.

Sincerely,

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